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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants wish to bring the references, listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and enclosed herewith, to the attention of the Examiner. Some of the references were cited in the International Search Report of 20 JUN. 2000 for PCT/EP00/00194, a copy of which is enclosed. Others were cited in the International Search Report of 2 MAR. 2000 in related application PCT/EP99/09765. DE 42 23 958 was cited as **category X** with respect to claim 51 (it corresponds to USP 5,480,387; see Patent Family Annex). KNAUER USP 5,514,097 and DE 195 19 147-A were cited as **category A** (technological background).

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WYRICK USP 5,665,071 has patent "family members" 5,540,664, 5,695,472 & 5,833,669. Also enclosed are search reports from related application PCT/EP00/00194 and 2 German Utility Model cases, namely DE 299 07 880.9 and DE 299 07 881.7. For the convenience of the Office, corresponding US patents are furnished. USP 5,480,387 corresponds to EP 0 525 525 (both claiming priority to DE 41 24 536.9 as is evident from their front pages). USP 5,480,387 also corresponds to DE 42 23 958-A (which claims German domestic priority from DE 41 24 536.9), according to the Int. Search Report. BITDINGER+ USP 5,478,316 (U.S.S.N. 191,263) corresponds to EP 0 666 084, as is evident from the front page of the latter--see circled item 30. USP 6,241,709 is furnished for the sake of its explanation of spring loading and because it corresponds to DE 195 19 147-A (cited in the Int. Search Report for PCT/EP00/194) which claims German domestic priority from DE 44 18 824.2, the priority document for PCT/EP95/02032 = WO 95-32749 (see "family member" table, last page of the Int. Search Report, 3rd item). USP 5,114,406 (GABRIEL+) corresponds to EP 0 268 191-A2 since they both derive from DE 36 38 984. WO 88-08724 has no exact US equivalent but USP 5,042,977 is furnished because counsel is informed that it has the same specification and drawings as WO 88-08724.
Thus, this submission complies with MPEP § 609.

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REMARKS

No representation is made that more pertinent, although presently unknown, art does not exist. It is anticipated that the Examiner will conduct a thorough search of the prior art and will carefully consider the documents submitted herewith.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to return an initialed copy of form PTO-1449, to confirm that the references have been considered.

Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited. No fee is believed required; if any is required, it may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0442.

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UNITED STATES PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAM. INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	INVENTOR/ASSIGNEE	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		5,042,977	AUG. '91	BECHTOLD + KINAST	604	134	NOV. '89
		5,114,406	MAY '92	GABRIEL + /HASELMEIER	604	136	JAN. '90
		5,320,609	JUN. '94	HABER + /HABLEY MEDICAL	604	135	DEC. '92
		5,358,489	OCT. '94	WYRICK/WASH. BIOTECH	604	136	MAY '93
		5,478,316	DEC. '96	BITDINGER + /BECTON	604	135	FEB. '94
		5,480,387	JAN. '96	GABRIEL + BECHTOLD	604	134	JUL. '92
		5,514,097	MAY '96	KNAUER/GENENTECH	604	136	FEB. '94
		5,540,664	JUL. '96	WYRICK/WASH. BIOTECH	604	136	MAY '94
		5,665,071	SEP. '97	WYRICK/WASH. BIOTECH	604	134	MAY '94
		5,695,472	DEC. '97	WYRICK/WASH. BIOTECH	604	136	JUL. '96
		5,709,662	JAN. '98	OLIVE + /BECTON-D FRANCE	604	135	AUG. '96
		5,833,669	NOV. '98	WYRICK/WASH. BIOTECH	604	234	JUN. '95
		6,241,709	JUN. 2001	BECHTOLD + GABRIEL/	604	207	DEC. '96

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	INVENTOR/ASSIGNEE	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO
EP		0 268 191-A2	MAY '88	GABRIEL +	A61M	5/28	=USP 5,114,406
EP		0 525 525	FEB. '93	GABRIEL + BECHTOLD	A61M	5/20	=USP 5,480,387
EP		0 666 084	AUG. '95	BITDINGER + /BECTON	A61M	5/20	=USP 5,478,316
WO		95-32749	DEC. '95	BECHTOLD + GABRIEL	A61M	5/20	=USP 6,241,709
DE		195 19 147	DEC. '95	BECHTOLD + GABRIEL	A61M	5/20	=USP 6,241,709

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